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RE: David Hale for Congress
Committee ID: C00553826
MUR 6778

Dear Mr. Jordan:

This letter is written in response to the complaint filed by John J. Rossetto of 25341 S. Forest Edge Dr., Channahon, IL 60410 (Complainant) against David Hale (Treasurer) and David Hale for Congress ("Candidate").

SUMMARY OF JOHN ROSSETTO'S COMPLAINT

1. Complainant alleges that "David Hale for Congress Door Hangers" (Door Hangers) "... are in violation 11 CFR §110.11 (c) (2) (ii) because the disclaimer is not contained in a printed box; thus, making the disclaimer on the Door Hangers *unclear and inconspicuous and not clearly readable* (emphasis added)."

CANDIDATE'S (RESPONDENT'S) RESPONSE TO COMPLAINT

- 1) Candidate acknowledges:
 - a) Mr. David J. Hale, Jr. filed a Statement of Candidacy for the IL-16 Congressional District, which was approved by the Federal Election Commission on December 27, 2013.
 - b) The "David J. Hale, Jr. for Congress" committee authorized and paid for the Door Hangers that are the subject of this Complaint.
- 2) Candidate acknowledges specifying, purchasing, and distribution of said Door Hangers (See Exhibits 1 and 2).
- 3) Candidate acknowledges that said Door Hangers were intended to communicate and advocate for the election of David Hale to Congress.
- 4) Candidate further acknowledges that said Door Hanger clearly contains the disclaimer required under 11 CFR §110.11 (c) (2) (ii) /check/, stating: "Paid for by David Hale for Congress" and that said disclaimer is not contained in a box.
- 5) Candidate absolutely denies and further states that Complainant's embellishment of the foregoing allegation is false and is without any basis in fact. Mr. Rossetto asserts that "...because said *disclaimer was not contained in a printed box*, "... the disclaimer on the Door hangers [is] *unclear and inconspicuous and not clearly readable*."
- 6) Candidate states, with regard to Door Hanger, that, for the following reasons:
 - a) said disclaimer is *clearly visible*,

- b) said disclaimer is *conspicuously and prominently displayed*, and
- c) said disclaimer is *clearly readable*.

David Hale for Congress Campaign purchased a total of 7500 flyers for total cost, including shipping, of \$368.95. Approximately 5,500 door hangers were distributed by hand during the campaign. The campaign committee has disposed of the remaining 2,000 pieces of literature.

Candidate Hale is a first time Congressional Candidate and a first time Candidate for any office. He has been running his campaign on his own without council, without a campaign manager and with very little money. After reading the Candidate Guidelines he believed he was in compliance with the FEC guidelines. He failed to place a box around the Disclaimer Notice because he was not aware of the requirement for the box. He acted in good faith by providing a clear Disclosure Notice with clear contrast and large lettering. There was never an attempt to deceive the public or to break this FEC rule. We hope that you will see this in the light in which the mistake was made as a mistake and that as a first time candidate with little experience in the extensive Campaign Finance Laws.

Respectfully Submitted,

David J. Hale, Jr



Republican Primary Candidate for Congress, IL-16

I, David J. Hale, Jr a citizen of the United States of America do hereby certify that the foregoing responses to the FEC letter dated February 2014 are true and correct to the best of my ability to establish the facts.

David J. Hale, Jr



Republican Primary Candidate for Congress, IL-16

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20th day of March 2014.

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